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### THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

### A Prayer for the Unity of the Spirit

Heavenly Father, grant that all those whom Thou hast called out of darkness into Thy marvellous light and hast translated into the Kingdom of Thy Son, may keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. May those who have been called to Thy royal priesthood, Thy holy people, be built as living stones into the spiritual temple of which Christ is the Cornerstone, where all who worship in spirit and in truth praise with one accord and one mouth Thee, the God and Father of all. As Thou art one with Christ, Thine only begotten son, so grant that through Him the whole company of the redeemed may be one in Thee, perfected into one, that the world may believe that Thou has sent Him and that Thou lovest mankind even as Thou lovest Him.

-From the Bruderschaft Una Sancta.

### An Appeal for More Young Chaplains

The need for young chaplains for overseas service has reached a critical stage. The need is so great that the senior chaplains in both the Western European and the Mediterranean theatres of army operations have sent personal representatives to this country during the last few weeks to appeal to the churches for reinforcements.

The call is for *young* chaplains—preferably under thirty-five years of age, certainly under forty. Older men, it is authoritatively stated, cannot be counted on to have sufficient physical

endurance for continuous service at the fighting front. Unfortunately, most of the chaplains recently arriving in Europe have been men over forty years of age. Experience shows that it is only the younger men who can stand the strain of combat conditions—and the distressing fact is that not enough of them are offering themselves for service.

Unless more young chaplains are available, the chaplains at the front must face an unbearable strain. After months of unremitting activity at the front, which has brought many of them to the breaking-point, they have no opportunity for recuperation. When other officers and their men are sent back of the lines for rest or for recovery in hospitals, the chaplain, under present conditions of shortage, can have no rest. The chaplain is then more needed than ever just because his men have more time for religious interests. A considerable number of chaplains have already had to be permanently discharged by order of the medical authorities because of sheer exhaustion, mental and physical, which could have been avoided if there had been a more adequate supply of chaplains for the tasks in hand.

The churches may rightly take great satisfaction in realizing that more than 10,000 of the ablest and most devoted ministers have volunteered as chaplains, with no need for anything like a draft. But today the churches are sharply confronted with the question whether they are to make an adequate response to the new situation. The simple fact is that in all of the de-

nominations too few young chaplains are now coming forward for overseas duty.

It is our sober judgment that every minister between the ages of thirty and forty ought, in all good conscience, to ask himself why he should not volunteer for the chaplaincy. If he has the requisite good health and the necessary educational qualifications, the burden of proof rests on him to show why he is entitled to remain at home at a time when men of his own age, on duty in France or Italy or the Philippines, are in desperate need of the sustaining power of the Christian Church. Let him ask himself whether he is willing to have the youth of his own parish who are now facing death overseas go unshepherded by any Christian pastor. In sober truth that is what will happen to hosts of them unless there is a greater volunteering of service by our younger ministers.

The picture becomes even more painful when we realize that there are many communities in which two congregations could unite for the duration of the war, with no unreasonable sacrifice, and thus release one of the ministers for overseas duty. Surely there are hundreds of ministers who can thus find the way of enlisting as chaplains and having a part in meeting the greatest spiritual opportunity of their generation.

### Ecumenicity Is Becoming Localized

It has often been said that ecumenicity is not real until it is local. This means that belief in the principle of Christian coöperation must find expression in the relationships of the local community as well as in those of the national and world communities. National church bodies can agree to work together, but it is the individual members and churches at the county and city level that must produce the results in the last analysis.

The News of State and Local Coöperation which is included in each issue of the Bulletin is therefore of interest to everyone concerned with the furtherance of Christian unity. It is intended to be read not only by the officers and staff of state and local councils of churches and ministerial associations but also by all who want

to be informed of the progress which is being made toward harmony and concerted action among the churches.

Those who follow this news from month to month can observe the steady growth in the number of cities in which the churches have set up councils through which to coöperate. These councils are autonomous. Consequently they reveal wide variations of policy and structure which in turn reflect different theories concerning what the churches should do together and how they should do it.

Moreover there is a general widening of the area of coöperation. Councils which start with the promotion of union Thanksgiving services and vacation church schools may, as they gain experience, promote union noon-day services during Holy Week and undertake a comprehensive chaplaincy service in city institutions.

In numerous camp and war industry areas local coöperation has been furthered by the initiative of the national denominational or interdenominational agencies. Leadership or financial resources have been made available under such conditions as would advance the comprehensive interests of the churches rather than the exclusive interest of a denomination.

So, if we believe in the World Council of Churches or in the national agencies of coöperation, we must watch developments at the points where most of the people live and work.

### Re-training and the Chaplains

Churchmen at home are properly concerned about aiding those who are serving the Church through the army and navy chaplaincy when they shall return to posts of civilian church leadership. Theological schools and church boards are both beginning their preparation for refresher and reorientation courses. Such effective courses will be valuable, and will be welcomed by chaplains.

But there is another side to this question which is too little appreciated by church leaders. It is both illustrated, and exemplified at its best, in the Chaplain Transition Course of the Army Air Forces, now being conducted at the Aviation Cadet Center, San Antonio, Texas. Designed not as orientation—a function carried out by the Army at Fort Devens, Mass., and by the Navy, at Williamsburg, Va.—but as reorientation, this remarkable school has given retraining to more than seven hundred Army chaplains, attached to the Air Forces, since last June. After being in service for six, nine, twelve months or even longer in most cases, the chaplain is sent to the course for ten days' study on what might be called: What the Chaplain with Experience has Discovered He Needs Most to Know. And he finds it.

At least half a chaplain's working time is spent in personal contacts. It is natural that nearly a fifth of his time at the school should be devoted to personal counseling—not to mere discussion of general principles, but to specific problems and cases which have baffled him.

He has been gravely puzzled, to the point either of alarm or of defeatism, by the growing venereal disease rate and the factors which lie behind it. He knows this is not confined to military life, but for the moment his responsibility lies there. What he needs is not only renewed ethical concern but also effective educational techniques. He finds something of both.

As in his civilian pastorate, he has discovered that his work as a chaplain must be carried on within certain limitations, their specific nature being different in the Army and Navy. But he has sometimes been unaware how often the detailed regulations and procedures have been drawn up not to limit, but to benefit, the freedom he has to perform his religious duties. By learning practical procedures in detail, he frees himself to make an even more significant contribution to his men.

The civilian minister is tempted to get things done by using a sermonic voice and a tone of authority. The equivalent temptation of the chaplain is to "throw his rank around." At the San Antonio school he learns more about methods of getting it done the chaplain's way, through coöperation and persuasion, not orders.

Effective though most civilian ministers' conferences and short courses are, it is doubtful how many of them can compare in practical value and effective techniques with the Chap-

lain Transition Course, or how many base their curriculum and teaching methods on a first-hand exploration of educational needs. Without idealizing this effective school it is clear that it has successfully explored several important areas of practical methods and techniques which often receive only generalized attention in most church and seminary educational endeavors.

If the full significance of this fact is sensed by the churches and theological schools, not only will the re-assimilation of chaplains to civilian life be easier, but the continuing professional educational work of the churches will be greatly enriched.

We live in a world which necessitates the constant re-assertion and re-affirmation of Christian ends. We also live in a world where the mere assertion of these ends, if unaccompanied by effective means and methods, has little chance of moving us closer to them. The chaplains have learned some methods, and at least a few have learned to teach them. The churches will do well to prepare now to give chaplain veterans a chance both to use and to teach them in parishes and seminaries.

### An Opportunity for Service

The united relief appeals for four million dollars recommended by the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction represent opportunities which are a primary concern of the Church—a united undertaking of Protestant church people apart from whatever help they plan to send to sister churches within their own denominations. The fund will be administered in the name of Christ, without discrimination as to race or creed.

The opportunity to serve humanity in the name of Christ increases. Denominational leaders, finance chairmen and other responsible officials are being asked to face these increased needs early in the year and to include in their relief plans and budgets a response to this unified program commensurate, to some extent, with the need and with the will of American Christians to share through their churches in helping their brethren around the world.

# Churches to Participate in Clothing Collection

HURCHES of all denominations in the United States have been asked to coöperate in a new nation-wide clothing drive which will aim to secure 150,000,000 pounds of wearable used clothing during April, for distribution in war-devastated areas.

This United National Clothing Collection represents a combined effort on the part of UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) and various voluntary overseas relief agencies in the United States to secure the largest possible quantity of serviceable used clothing for free distribution to destitute men, women, and children in war-devastated countries, where it is estimated that over 125,000,000 people are in dire need of clothing, shoes and bedding. Thirty millions of these needy ones are children, many of whom are literally dressed in threadbare rags.

Such a clothing collection in the United States is the only possible way to meet this need. Because of the demands of the armed forces, no large amounts of new clothing can be purchased or manufactured in the United States or other countries for relief purposes for some time to come. For this reason, people are being asked to look carefully through their attics, their closets, their bureau drawers and storage cabinets, and to give every garment they can spare. "What can you spare that they can wear?" has been adopted as a slogan and

will appear in the national promotion of the campaign.

Responsibility for the conduct of the collection is in the hands of a national committee headed by Henry J. Kaiser.

The program has been accepted and endorsed by the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction on behalf of the Protestant Churches. Prominent churchmen who will serve on the national committee include: Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert, New York, N. Y.; Rev. M. E. Dodd, Shreveport, La.; President Harold W. Dodds, Princeton, N. J.; Bishop John A. Gregg, Kansas City, Mo.; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York, N. Y.; Harper Sibley, Rochester, N. Y.; Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, New York, N. Y.; Rev. Roy Ewing Vale, Indianapolis, Ind.

The collection will be organized on a community basis in every community, large and small, in the United States. Representative local leaders will be asked by national headquarters to be responsible for setting up the local committees, and plans from national headquarters will be routed through these local committees.

Church participation will be through the local committees rather than through denominational headquarters. A church may be asked to serve as a receiving depot in its community and to furnish personnel which will work with the local committee in making the drive a success.

# Roy B. Guild, Pioneer Builder of Cooperation

REV. ROY B. GUILD, for more than twenty years the pioneer leader in the development of city, county and state councils of churches throughout the nation, died at his home in Winter Park, Fla., on January 13, 1945. Dr. Guild had retired from active service in the Federal Council on December 31, 1936. Since that time he had made his home in Florida but had kept in active contact with the work of the Federal Council.

As a pastor Dr. Guild won distinction as the minister of the Central Congregational Church of Topeka, Kansas, in which post he succeeded Charles M. Sheldon. He was also a successful executive of the home missionary interests of the Congregational churches. When the Men and Religion Forward Movement was organized in 1911, under the chairmanship of Fred B. Smith, Dr. Guild became its executive. For two years he carried on a vigorous promotional program, which brought him into personal contact with leaders of all denominations who were

interested in a movement of advance in Christian cooperation.

In 1915 Dr. Guild became an executive secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, being responsible for the work of what was then called the "Commission on Councils of Churches." In this connection he far surpassed any other person in the assistance given to local communities and states which were eager to develop agencies for effective coöperation. Many of the strongest city councils of churches today owe their origin and development in their early stages to Dr. Guild's guidance and practical help.

After a decade of service in the Federal Council Dr. Guild resigned at the end of 1925 to become pastor of the Trinitarian Congregational Church of New Bedford, Mass. After four years he returned to the Federal Council, becoming Associate General Secretary charged with responsibility for the field program, and continued this service until his retirement.

Throughout his entire period of service to the Federal Council, Dr. Guild was also the secretary of the Committee on Religious Work in the Canal Zone. Four fine union churches in the Canal Zone—at Cristobal, Balboa, Gatun and Pedro Miguel—erected under cooperative arrangements worked out with the missionary boards, may be regarded as a permanent memorial to

Dr. Guild. For a brief period he was Secretary of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains.

Dr. Guild was the author or editor of three volumes which have had great influence in the development of interdenominational programs: "Manual of Inter-Church Work," "Community Programs for Coöperating Churches," and "Practising Christian Unity."

# Church Leaders Consider Responsibility for Shifting War Workers

Atlantic City, N. J., at the call of the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities, to consider the Ministry of the Church to Shifting War Workers. For some time governmental and social agencies have been concerning themselves with the human problems involved in demobilization and reconversion. The churches, it was recognized, dare be no less concerned.

At the opening session, Mrs. Eugene Meyer, author of "Journey Through Chaos," discussed for the conference "Steps Toward a Democratic America." In her challenging and thought-provoking address, Mrs. Meyer said: "The times are ripe with infinite possibilities for good and evil. We have a choice between anticipating the rights of the common man or waiting until the common man forces them upon the nation. . . . The translation of the true Christian spirit into active social programs would again give the common man confidence in the mission of the Church. Inspired social leadership of this sort might even bring the mass of the people back to the Church. I can see nothing else that will. . . . It is for the churches to remind us that the world is not merely the world, but our world. It is not only a social and economic world, it is a moral and spiritual world and no matter how strong or evil the outward circumstances may be, the human personality can retain the ascendency as long as it remembers that its dignity and importance are of divine origin."

Two problem areas then occupied the attention of the Conference: The first, that of "Full Employment"; the second, that of "Tensions." Mr. Emil Rieve, President, Textile Workers' Union, presented the problem "As Labor Sees It"; Mr. Morse DellPlain, President, Welsbach Engineering and Manufacturing Corporation, presented it "As Management Sees It"; and Bishop Francis J. McConnell, a bishop of the Methodist Church, presented it "As the Church Must See It." Mr. Rieve is confident that 60,000,000 jobs can be provided in our postwar America, and declared: "Full employment can

be achieved if the income of the American worker is sharply raised." Mr. DellPlain said: "Labor and management have so much in common that we can rely on the intelligent elements on both sides, plus inherent American common sense, to find the way to a greater than ever degree of coöperation in materializing our full-employment war plans. . . . American private industry proposes, with the full coöperation of its co-partners, labor, management, capital and public opinion, to provide these jobs in adequate numbers to create full employmenta task which no group can accomplish alone, but it can and must be done." Bishop McConnell emphasized the churches' concern for the human values involved in full employment. He acknowledged that the Church is not technically qualified to tell industry how to run its business; but insisted that when a business or an industry neglects or overlooks human values, the Church has a solemn responsibility for speaking up in behalf of those human values. He pointed out that, at its best, the Church has always accepted and insisted upon the unattainable ideal of perfection as its goal. By its insistence upon perfection, the Church has often been responsible for changing public opinion in realms where it seemed unchangeable. "A church may be just as divine as the orthodox claims it is," said Bishop McConnell, "but it must justify the claim in its results in human terms."

The second problem area to which the Conference gave attention involves the Industrial, Social and Family-Life Tensions that will arise in our national life as a consequence of reconversion and a re-shifting of populations. These three types of tensions were discussed respectively by Mr. Clark Worman of the National Council, Y.M.C.A.; Mrs. Pearl Case Blough, of the U.S.O.; and Miss Margaret Creech of the National Travelers' Aid Association.

Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor of World Outlook, analyzed for the Conference some of the present and the anticipated postwar population movements that must be kept in mind as the churches plan the strategy for their ministry to mobile people. She emphasized the impor-

tance of providing for uprooted people a sense of economic and emotional security.

Suggesting a Christian education strategy, Rev. Harry C. Munro, of the International Council of Religious Education, said that Christian education which will go with the family when it moves and not be left behind with the church which doesn't move must be provided as even greater mobility will continue to characterize America's population. "The church of the future, instead of taking over the religious educational task, may need to make its major contribution at the point of motivating, guiding and equipping the home with materials to do its own job of religious teaching."

Dr. Hermann N. Morse, Administrative Secretary of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., in a brilliant address on "A General Church Strategy," said: "You will not succeed in de-

veloping a ministry among any group from which you withhold fellowship—Negroes, Jews, migrants, bankers, union members—any group of any particular stratum." He urged that the church develop a sense of community, that its parish should be "a social fact and not a selective constituency." The job of the church is to assert attitudes, improve relationships and strengthen programs which will promote such a strategy, which will include interracial clinics, mobile ministries, and a "moving-out from the institutional set-up" to serve larger areas of people . . . not only to reach the unreached, but to seek the unsought."

A report of the Conference, giving a digest of the addresses and the forum sessions, will be available in the near future. Inquiries should be addressed to Rev. Marion J. Creeger, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

# The Extension of Social Security

A statement adopted by the Federal Council's Executive Committee, January 9, 1945

### PREAMBLE

America is committed to an intelligent and comprehensive program of social security. Extensive public discussion of the need and nature of additions to the present system is imminent in coming months. Interest has been stimulated by the Beveridge plan in England which has been endorsed by the British Council of Churches. In the United States, leaders of both major parties and the Social Security Board have outlined principles for the extension of the present social security program.

Wartime social maladjustments and difficulties inherent in industrial reconversion accentuate the need for more adequate social security. Amendments to the present system can guard against dangerous gaps in coverage. On January 1, 1942, for example, approximately 60 million persons in the United States had Social Security numbers and accounts under the Old Age and Survivors Insurance System. Twenty-eight to thirty-five million persons still were not covered by these provisions. It is estimated that only about 65 percent of the aged persons and the working population are included. This is especially relevant to churches, whose lay employees, along with those of educational and charitable institutions, account for 700,000 to 1,000,000 of the individuals not covered.

Selective Service experience has revealed to all that the standard of health in America is not adequate. Furthermore, safeguards against sickness and accidents have become increasingly recognized as a proper social concern. A study of The National Resources Planning Board in-

dicated that 92 percent of the population needed some assistance in meeting the cost of medical care. Here is an unexplored frontier in our social security program.

Within recent months a number of Protestant denominations have gone on record as favoring the inclusion of lay workers of religious institutions in the Old Age and Survivors provisions of the present Social Security system. The churches unquestionably must support this, as a minimum requirement and be prepared to meet the necessary costs.

We urge that the churches be unequivocal in giving guidance to the nation in the program of broad social welfare which social security legislation represents.

### RESOLUTIONS

- (1) We endorse the extension of the Old Age and Survivors' Insurance System to agricultural workers, domestic servants, employees of non-profit organizations, and the self-employed.
- (2) We hold that sickness and accidents cause social losses which can best be paid by a sound plan of public insurance. We believe that health and disability insurance can be provided on a democratic basis with full consideration for the rights of doctors and private hospitals.
- (3) We regard it as imperative for the churches to be included in a Federal social security plan offering protection to their lay employees. We believe that such a program can be operated without impairing in any way the rights and freedom of the churches.

# New Leader for World Council Service

REV. Robbins Wolcott Barstow, D.D., LL.D., of Hartford, Conn., for the past 14 years president of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, has accepted an appointment as Director of the new Commission for World Council Service.

This Commission, newly organized under the chairmanship of Dr. Theodore Ainsworth Greene of New Britain, Conn., is closely related to the Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid of the World Council of Churches, which will have important administrative and promotional responsibilities throughout the postwar years and will have much to do with giving practical expression to Christian unity and ecumenical coöperation in the life of the churches of all lands. Included in its program is work with the Ecumenical Commission for Chaplaincy Service to Prisoners of War, coördination of refugee relief activities, and reconstruction and interchurch aid.

Dr. Barstow comes to this important task with a background of rich experience in church work and religious leadership, including missionary service in Turkey, a chaplaincy in the first World War, important pastorates in Concord, N. H., and Madison, Wisc., before going to the Hartford Seminary Foundation.

The following excerpts from a resolution passed by

faculty and trustees of the Hartford Seminary Foundation in connection with the resignation of Dr. Barstow, after fourteen years' service as President, indicate the high esteem in which he was held by that institution.

"Among the outstanding achievements of his Presidency have been the modernizing of the curricula and the use of the Comprehensive Examinations, the development of a more closely organized and supervised scheme of field work for students, the inauguration of the Foundation Retirement Plan, important steps toward regularizing sabbatical leaves-of-absence, the taking over of the publication of the quarterly The Moslem World, the widening of the sphere of influence of the Kennedy School of Missions, the maintenance of high standards through a prolonged period of financial stress and lowered income, the substantial increase in the student body, and the rebuilding of virtually the entire faculty, necessitated by retirements on account of age. In addition he has zealously worked for the linking of the Foundation with the religious life of the nation and the world through conferences, associations, and commissions, on many of which he has personally and actively served as an officer; in particular we note his valuable contributions on the executive committee of the American Association of Theological Schools, and as President of the Council for Clinical Training of Theological Students."

Dr. Barstow assumed his new position as head of the Commission for World Council Service on January 15.

### Race Relations Awards

Honors for furthering racial amity were won during the month of February by two distinguished Southern leaders in the fields of religion and education whose pictures appear on the cover page.

For his election to the vice-presidency of the Federal Council—the first Negro to hold that post—Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., was included in the Honor Roll of Race Relations for 1944 of the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature of the N. Y. Public Library; and for outstanding achievement in the field of Negro-white relations, Dr. Howard W. Odum of the University of North Carolina, was awarded a \$1,000 government bond by the Race Relations Department of the Council.

A feature of Negro History Week, February 11 to February 18, the Honor Roll of Race Relations for 1944 was determined by a nation-wide poll conducted by the Schomburg Collection to choose the 12 Negroes who have distinguished themselves most during the year and the six whites who have done most over the same period for the improvement of race relations "in terms of real democracy." Among others chosen are the late Wendell

L. Willkie; Howard Fast, author of "Freedom Road"; Thurgood Marshall, legal counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, president of the Eastern Sociological Society.

Dr. Odum was presented with the award for outstanding achievement in the field of Negro-white relations at a Lincoln's Day luncheon given by the Race Relations Department at the Hotel Commodore in New York.

In making the presentation, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam cited Dr. Odum for distinguished service to the nation, through research, in writings and by his leadership in movements to improve Negro-white relations.

"Protestants in this country," declared the President of the Federal Council, "have come to the understanding that our ethical ideals must now be translated into the reality of economic justice and racial brotherhood."

Emphasizing the necessity for action in any period of basic transition, he continued: "We are realizing that there is more Christianity in supporting a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee than in speaking in general terms of brotherhood."

### **New Publications**

What Protestants Believe. By Hugh T. Kerr. A brief, popular statement of the history and beliefs of Protestantism, by a well-known minister of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Two cents accopy, in any quantity, postpaid.

The Keystone Commandment. By Ralph W. Sockman. A discussion of the key importance of sabbath-observance by a well-known radio preacher. Three cents a copy in any quantity, postpaid.

Our Protestant Heritage. By Samuel McCrea Cavert. A brief statement of the positive beliefs and contributions of Protestantism; an answer to the charge that Protestants have nothing in common but negative positions. Five cents a copy; \$4.00 for 100 copies; \$30.00 for 1,000 copies.

A Message to the Churches from the National Study Conference on the Churches and a Just and Durable Peace, Cleveland, Ohio, January 16-19, 1945. 16-page pamphlet. Ten cents per single copy, including postage; five cents per copy in quantities of fifty or more, plus postage.

Suggestions for the Observance of Rural Life Sunday, May 6, 1945. Contains an order of service, suggested sermon topics, texts and hymns, and a brief bibliography. Single copies, 3 cents; 100 copies, 85c; 250 copies, \$1.70; 500 copies, \$2.65; 1,000 copies, \$5.00.

Guidance Materials for Interdenominational Ministerial Associations. No. 1 in the Church Coöperation Series issued by the Inter-Council Field Department. Single copies 15 cents; 25 or more copies 12 cents each.

Prayers Personal and Social. By James Myers. Nearly 45,000 copies have been sold in the past two years and a fifth printing is now being made. Published by the Commission on Worship. Many churches last year found them useful during Lent. Twenty-five cents a copy.

All the publications mentioned above may be secured by writing to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

### Citizenship Day 1945

Sunday, May 20, 1945, has been set for the observance of Citizenship Day, sometimes known as "I am an American Day." This occasion is established by a Presidential Proclamation, and its purpose is to stress the significance of American citizenship, particularly for those foreignborn who are becoming citizens, and the new voters who have come of age. The day gives opportunity to express appreciation of the contribution that foreign-born citizens have made to America and the responsibilities that citizenship entails upon all the people within our borders. As Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary of the Federal Council, says "Citizenship Day may be a time when older Americans can rededicate themselves to responsible and active citizenship, when ministers may reaffirm the spiritual values underlying American democracy and the moral duties by which man gains and keeps his freedom."

During the past five years, hundreds of churches have participated in Citizenship Day observances. These have been services in local churches, community-wide gatherings and meetings of special groups and organizations.

The Home Missions Council, the Missionary Education Movement and the Federal Council of Churches are again cooperating in promoting the observance of this day. A folder is being prepared by the Commission on Worship of the Federal Council which will contain the President's Proclamation, an order of worship, selected prayers and other worship material, a list of books which will be serviceable, and general information regarding the observance of the day. Single copies of this folder will be mailed free on request. Copies in quantity may be obtained from the Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., at two cents each.

If Sunday, May 20, is not a suitable time, it is suggested that the day be observed the last week in May or on Flag Day in June.

### Beverley M. Boyd Honored

Rev. Beverley Mumford Boyd, the new Executive Secretary of the Federal Council's Department of the Church and Social Service, was honored by Alexandria Theological Seminary on February 8 when it conferred upon him (Continued on Page 14)

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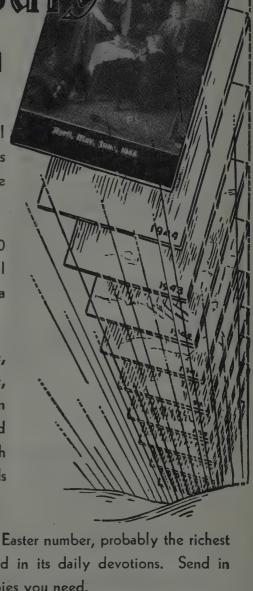
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CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS

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the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The degree was bestowed by the Right Rev. F. D. Goodwin, Bishop of Virginia and President of the Board of Trustees. The citation for the degree was in part as follows:

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### United Appeals for Overseas Aid

The churches of America should give a minimum of \$4,297,000 during the coming year, through their denominational relief committees, according to the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction.

Recommendations for July 1, 1945, to June 30, 1946, include: World Council Service to stricken churches, \$1,230,000; relief in Asia, \$900,000; orphaned missions, \$356,000; prisoners of war, \$300,000; Bibles, \$827,000; refugee relief, \$241,000; child-feeding, \$300,000; displaced women and girls, \$75,000; student leadership,

# · News of State and Local Cooperation.

Brooklyn Consecrates S. Parkes Cadman Memorial Center

The Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation, at its one hundred and sixteenth annual meeting on February 2, formally consecrated the S. Parkes Cadman Me-morial Center. This new Protestant Center will house the Brooklyn Bible Society offices and store, the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation, the Brooklyn Council of Church Women and the Brooklyn office of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies. Included in

the facilities furnished by the Center are meeting rooms, a library, reading rooms, a kitchen, offices, club rooms and the sanctuary for worship and special services. Strategically located on Cadman Plaza, it represents a focal point and visible symbol of Protestant cooperation. The Center's inception resulted from the vision and constructive efforts of J. Henry Carpenter, the Executive Secretary of the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation, ably abetted by Robert Alfred Shaw and John E. Skeekamp as representatives of the Board of Trustees of the "Church of the Death of Mrs. Root

Mrs. E. Tallmadge Root, one of the outstanding leaders in the development of federated organization among church women, died at Somerville, Mass., on January 11. Her leadership in organizing the Somerville Federation of Women's Church Societies led to the development of a similar movement which covered New England and made an important contribution to the formation of what has since come to be the United Council of Church

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BULLETIN as the Executive Secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches for many years. He is at present engaged in writing a history of the movement for church unity in New England since the vear 1900.

### Fulton County Organizes a Council of Churches

During the month of October a Council of Churches was organized in the city of Fulton, N. Y. Committees were set up on Evangelism, Religious Education, Inter-Church Relations and Social Action, Youth Work, Lenten Series, Publicity, Finance

The Committee on Evangelism has recommended a religious survey during the early part of 1945, to be followed by a Visitation Evangelism Campaign just before Lent. The Council has petitioned the Alcoholic Beverages Control Board to close the bars in Fulton the day the war ends in Europe. The Council is cooperating with the Kiwanis Club in the opening of a Youth Center.

### State Pastors' Conference

The Annual Michigan Pastors' Conference was held January 22-24 at Ann Arbor under the joint sponsorship of the Michigan Council of Churches and the Extension Department of the University of Michigan.

The program was built around four addresses by Dr. Henry Pitney Van Dusen, President-Elect of Union Theological Seminary:

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The keynote was sounded in the convocation address by Dr. Duncan Littlefield of Grand Rapids on the subject, "A New Basis for Unity."

The devotional addresses were given by Rt. Rev. Robert N. Spencer, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Western Missouri.

Prominent in the three days' fellowship was the series of four discussion conferences around the central theme of the Church actually and actively at work: "The Church and the Family," "The Church and Returning Service Men," "The Churches in Coöperation in City, Town, and Country" and "Minorities and Good-

Great interest was developed in the evening symposium on "What Would Constitute a Christian Settlement with Defeated Countries?" from the standpoint first of all of the Church, and then from the standpoint of Germany and Japan respectively, on the tacit assumption that they will eventually be occupying the designated roles.

### Hospital Chaplaincy Expansion

The Executive Committee of the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford voted on December 5, 1944 to provide a third chaplain to care for the large program of ministry to the sick with which the Council is serving Greater New Bedford hospitals. Rev. E. H. Prescott, Minister of Immanuel Baptist Church, a recent graduate of St. Luke's Hospital Volunteer Orderly Service Course, has accepted appointment as the third Chaplain. In the first ten weeks, September 10 to December 1, the chaplains have served as follows: Total number of calls, 790; total number of patients, 489; total number unchurched, 197; total number calls on unchurched, 553; total number referrals, 292; total number churches served, 51.

### Sacramento Council Endorses Return of Evacuees

The Sacramento Council of Churches on December 17, 1944 issued a statement on the Army's order rescinding the military evacuation order of 1942:

"The Council pledges itself to full cooperation in helping to integrate the returning individuals into our community life, and calls upon the churches and church people of this area to recognize their Christian responsibility and to help in welcoming the returning evacuees into our community and Christian fellowship.

"Finally, the Council hereby registers its conviction that the revocation of the evacuation order will serve to strengthen the moral position of our country in the eyes of the world, both of friendly and enemy peoples, and will give to the United States of America a clearer title to leadership in the family of nations."

### Social Service in St. Louis

The Social Service Commission of the St. Louis Church Federation summarizes its achievements during 1944 as follows:

"This Commission is responsible for having a Protestant minister sit with the Judge of the Juvenile Court each day the court is in session.

"The Commission has been giving careful study to 'Introduction Service,' which is carried on in other cities, making it possible for folk to get acquainted with those of like interest.

"The Commission has given considerable time and thought to the new Constitution of the state. A member of the Commission, Mr. W. P. Mason, will have an analysis of the Constitution to be presented to the churches. The Commission has gone on record as favoring the new Constitution.

"The Commission has kept the churches informed about worthwhile national and state legislation, asking the churches to get in touch with their Congressmen and Legislators in an endeavor to promote the best legislation.

"The Commission took a very definite stand against the churches' earning money through obtaining workers for any one concern, believes that all churches want to do all they can to secure worthwhile employment for their members. Church money is not to be raised by such efforts but to be given by the members."

### Mission to Christian Teachers

"Over a thousand gathered for three meetings of the Oklahoma City Mission to Christian Teachers indicating a new interest in cooperative Christian teaching. There were 831 registrations-22 different bodies. On the first Sunday afternoon over 1,000 came to the First Christian Church sanctuary. Sunday night the number dropped to 700. But on both Monday and Tuesday nights there were 1,200 present.

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### Interdenominational Sunday

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### Christian Family Life

A Christian Family Life Manual has been prepared by the Michigan Council of Churches for use by local church chairmen of Christian Family Life. The purposes of this Manual are stated as follows:

"1. To acquaint the Family Life chairman in the local church with the minimum provision every church should make for education for family life.

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3. To show the chairman in the local church his relation to the state committee and its service to him.

4. To provide a kit of tools to supplement the manual for a more comprehensive understanding and study of the family."

### In Faith and Confidence

The following "Thought for the Month" was issued by O. M. Walton, Executive Secretary of the Cleveland Church Federation, for October:

"Does Protestantism have the central interests to test its strength and to give it greater drive toward unity? Many developments of the postwar years turn upon the answer to this question. May we look forward to a Protestant Church with confidence in its ability to meet the demands of the times or will a divisiveness, which is more of form than of spirit, continue to limit its forcefulness and inhibit its forthrightness? Everywhere today churches face the same problems of evangelism, of education, of human weakness, of moral indifference. The fact that their ministry derives its authority from One Source, but is parochial in its practice, invites unfavorable comparisons and contributes to loss in effect.

"The need for geographical unity has dawned slowly upon Protestants. While they have discovered many ways of working together, the possibilities have been no more than touched. Some new ones for Cleveland were suggested in the 'Planning Conference' of September 25. With vision, persistence and consecration areas which lie between and beyond the fields of parish and denomination can be reached through planned cooperation. It is important that its churches present a united front before this community. The impression of unity may be heightened by coöperation in such mundane matters as public relations and budget-raising. The next three months will present some unusual opportunities along these lines."

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All teachers will be paid employees of the Federation Weekday Church School Board. Their educational qualifications must equal those of regularly employed city school teachers. In addition, however, they must be well equipped from the standpoint of Christian training to bring the vital message of Jesus to the city's children in an interesting manner.

The Weekday Church School Board has employed a staff of five full-time and four part-time teachers to serve in its 39 schools under a rotation system. They will work under employed supervision and eventually, it is hoped, a Superintendent of Weekday Church Schools. Meanwhile, the Director of Christian Education for the Church Federation, the Rev. Wilbur C. Parry, assisted by Mrs. Wallace G. Frasher, will serve as superintendent until finances warrant other arrangements.

### Planning and Strategy

The Minneapolis Federation of Churches, with the coöperation of Dr. H. Paul Douglass, has completed the community survey. The Federation has announced its plans to change the work of the Comity Department by reconstituting it as a Commission on Planning and Strategy. The attention of the churches has been called to the earnest hope expressed through the Federation that no new church or Sunday School be organized without first being cleared through its Commission on Planning and Strategy.





# · Among the New Books ·

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Roman Catholic hierarchy. He also makes it abundantly evident that many thoughtful Roman Catholics in Latin America are awake to the danger. He further shows that wherever the Roman Church succeeds in establishing something approximating a religious monopoly it is a far less wholesome influence than in areas like the United States and Northern Europe where there is Protestant "competition."

The contention that Protestant work in Latin America is an obstacle to a "Good Neighbor" policy is shown to have no foundation whatever. The actual causes of tension between South and North America are found not in the religious field but in two wholly different realms. One is the feeling of "superiority" manifested by North Americans generally. The other is the strong anti-democratic and Fascist tendency among reactionary Latin Americans, often fostered by leaders of the Roman Catholic hierarchy who look to Spain for their pattern.

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The thesis is expressed in the closing paragraph of the book. "We must, and by the initiative and help of God we will recover that way of worship which was and ever shall be the way of worship within the Church, even the way which the Lord himself ordained. We will recover the traditional liturgical manner of worship, together with its Word and its Sacraments; and in doing so we shall have a new apprehension of the presence and purpose of God, and we shall gain for ourselves and our children a Church, nay The Church, united and strong. Our ways will give place to The Way. And our Churches will give place to The Church."

The movement of thought is indicated by the chapter titles: The Way of Worship in the Beginning; The Way of Worship and the Word; The Way of Worship and the Sacraments; They Way of Worship: Its Externals; The Way of Worship: Its Disintegration and Its Recovery. The appendices are invaluable and include: An Ecumenical Liturgy in Outline, The Eucharistic Prayer, The Mercersburg Movement, Bibliography, A Glossary.

The author is the pastor of St. Paul's Memorial Church of Reading, Pa., and has been active on The Liturgical Commission of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The Introduction is by Dr. John R. Mott.

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### Aiding the Veteran

And Now to Live Again, Betsey Barton, Appleton-Century, \$1.50.

Soldier to Civilian, George K. Pratt, Mc-Graw-Hill, \$2.50.

The Veteran Comes Back, Willard W. Waller, The Dryden Press, \$2.75.

When Johnny Comes Marching Home, Dixon Wecter, Houghton Mifflin, \$3.00.

In late adolescence Betsey Barton was in a motor accident so severe that it seemed impossible for her to recover even the will to live. Many persons, professional and un-professional, did things for her and to her, and she recovered neither physical functioning nor emotional meaningfulness. Then someone got her started looking for resources within, and to beginning exactly where she was. She could breathe, and recovery started there. Although this book is warmly personal, it is not a mere autobiography but a valid discussion of principles of healing. It should be of value to many wounded veterans, and even more valuable to their families and friends.

Soldier to Civilian is a human, and simply written, account of the non-material factors in the return to civilian life. How the pressures of military experience tend to influence a man's attitude, how this attitude will undergo changes in the readjustment to civilian

status, how to understand those emotionally injured by war experience—these and related questions are dealt with in an understandable fashion which will make this volume of great value to parents and families of service men.

For the careful student of the veteran's readjustment, Willard Waller's book is probably the best available to date. He has been studying matters relating to veterans, both historical and current, since the first World War. His book touches on nearly every aspect of readjustment: history of the way we have treated veterans, current government plans, community organization for services to veterans, and attitudes of returning men. The volume is especially strong on analysis of what military life does to men, notably weak in its understanding both of religion in the life of the individual and of the Church as an active agent in the community pattern.

Dixon Wecter's volume is a bit more popular and less comprehensive than Waller's. It emphasizes more the externals of readjustment, and less the alteration in inner attitudes. But it is an effective and well-written treatment of the situation.

The pamphlet series on *The Church and Returning Service Personnel*, now being published jointly by the Federal Council and other agencies, is attempting to deal in brief form with those aspects of veterans' readjustment of most concern to the churches. Such books as those reviewed here are excellent supplements to the pamphlets.

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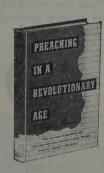
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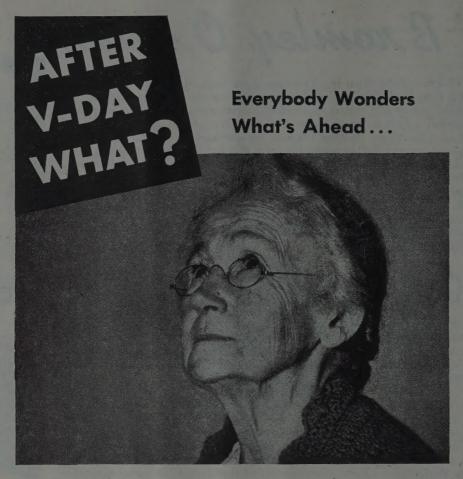
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